

Message

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Sent: 1/30/2020 6:22:41 PM
To: Gettle, Jeaneanne [Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov]; Tyler, Kip [Tyler.Kip@epa.gov]; Thomas, Chris [Thomas.Chris@epa.gov]; Hesterlee, Craig [Hesterlee.Craig@epa.gov]
CC: Zapata, Cesar [Zapata.Cesar@epa.gov]; Allenbach, Becky [Allenbach.Becky@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: ACTION: Sarasota News Leader - Kampachi public hearing

Thanks Jeaneanne! With your edits, I will consider this response final and move it forward.

Dawn

From: Gettle, Jeaneanne <Gettle.Jeaneanne@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 1:21 PM
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Hi Jeaneanne,

I added some of that language. Please review and make necessary edits/additions or reply with an OK.

Thanks,
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Rachel Hackney, w/ Sarasota News Leader, is working on a story regarding the Kampachi public hearing on the proposed fish farm. Her deadline is noon tomorrow, Jan. 30.

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- Would we be able to tell her how many written comments have been provided through today?

At this time , EPA has received over 9,000 comments.

She does have the information about Feb. 4 being the deadline for comments.

- Can we tell her whether EPA has a tentative schedule for making its final decision on the permit for the proposed Kampachi Farms project? If no such schedule exists, is there a general time frame in which the agency tries to publish a decision, following a hearing such as the one held this week?

At this time the schedule is uncertain. The public comment period has been extended until February 4, 2020. After the public comment period closes, EPA will consider all comments received, including data, the requirements of the Clean Water Act and applicable regulations to make its final permit decision.

- Finally, as a member of the news media, she finds it unethical to make any formal comment on any issues like this one. Yet, she believes she read in an EPA document that those persons who comment will get notices after the EPA decision has been announced. How can she best ensure that she can find out the decision, too, as soon as it is available?

As communicated in the public notice and at the hearing, the EPA will provide a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice, and has provided their mailing or email address. The best way to ensure notice of the final permit decision is to request notice.

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I think the only thing I would be comfortable saying is that it is our hope to review the comments and move forward as quickly as possible, but we must consider all comments. Not for release, but for your information my goal is to get the decision made as soon as possible, but within this fy

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Thanks Jeaneanne! Is there anything to add for the decision-making timeframe?

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I suggested one edit below and but on area in bold. Btw – by my count we had 55 commenters, including the City Manager. We also had 5 individuals who commented twice.

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From: Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
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Thanks Kip! Updated below.

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You can now safely say that we have received over 9,000 comments.

Just an interesting fact, we have received over 1,000 comments in the last 4 hours. I'm not suggesting that we should provide that the reporter.

Kip Tyler
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From: Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
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My edits are below in red. Please review and make necessary edits/additions or reply with an OK. Additionally, information is needed concerning the decision timeframe/schedule.

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I provided a response to your questions in your original email below.

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Anything more to add Jeaneanne? Chris? Craig?

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